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DECLARATION OF JOYCE E. CLARK

I, Joyce E. Clark, hereby declare that:

1) I am working in a secretarial position supporting two patent attorneys. I have a total of about seven years experience working as a secretary for patent attorneys, and am familiar with the procedures used to file and prosecute patent applications. In connection with the prosecution of the above-identified application, I was asked by patent attorney Paul D. Hayhurst to compare the text of publication WO 2004/035929 A1 to the text of the application upon which it was based, using the original text as filed.

2) I referred to internal company records and determined that the application upon which publication WO 2004/035929 A1 was based was assigned our attorney docket number 62733, that it was originally filed in the US Receiving Office on

October 15, 2002 and that it was given international application number PCT/US/2002/032938.

- 3) I retrieved the case folder for case 62733 and found the text of international application number PCT/US/2002/032938 as filed.
- 4) I compared the text of pages 1-26 of WO 2004/0035929 A1 word for word to the as filed text of international application number PCT/US/2002/032938, and I found that they are identical.

5) The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of her own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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